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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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June 9, 1961

Dear Allen:

In the course of a review of our restrictions on the travel of Soviet citizens in this country, we have come to the conclusion that it would be to our advantage to make some changes in the present regulations.

In view of the interest of the Central Intelligence Agency in this matter, I am enclosing a copy of a memorandum we are considering submitting to the President. I would appreciate it if you would send me any comments or suggestions you may have. We are hopeful that an announcement of the proposed changes can be made in the near future, and I would therefore be grateful if you could give this your urgent consideration.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

/s/ Dean

Dean Rusk

Enclosure:

Suggested memorandum
for the President

The Honorable
Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence

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1 March 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence


SUBJECT : Modification of Restrictions on Soviet
Travelers to the United States

1. This memorandum forwards a suggested draft reply to a letter from the Secretary of State concerning the lifting of restrictions now imposed on the travel of Soviet visitors to the United States. Secretary of State Rusk's letter, dated 15 February 1962, and its attachment (Attachment "A") were referred to this office from the Office of the DD/I on 21 February 1962 for coordination and preparation of a suggested reply.

2. This is the second time that Secretary Rusk has requested the Agency's reaction to the Department's proposal to lift restrictions imposed on the travel of Soviet visitors to this country. His earlier letter and Mr. Dulles' reply are forwarded for your information (Attachment "B").

3. This office concurs in the position taken by the DD/I that there would be material advantage accruing to the United States from an intelligence and psychological viewpoint, assuming substantial reciprocity on the part of the Soviet Union. One factor, however, which should be considered in making a policy decision in this regard is that of the effect of such action on the internal security of the United States. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is the appropriate agency to provide the Department of State with an evaluation of this factor and should be allowed to participate in any policy decision made along these lines.

4. It is recommended that you sign the attached draft letter to Secretary Rusk, outlining the Agency's position in this matter.


Richard Helms
Deputy Director (Plans)

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Attachs. "A" and "B" a/s

cc : DD/I

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